

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application and preliminary amendment.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 41 (canceled).

42. (new) A valve comprising:

a valve housing having a first interface, a second interface, and being formed with a plurality of housing ducts, said first interface being on a first side and said second interface being on a second side which is opposite said first side;

a first connection board having a first connection duct communicating with one of said plurality of housing ducts, said first connection board being mounted to said first interface;

a second connection board having a second connection duct communicating with one of said plurality of housing ducts, said second connection board being mounted to said second interface;

a retaining means for anchoring said first connection board to said valve housing; and

an attachment means for securing said first connection board to said valve housing, said attachment means being arranged at a distance from said retaining means and passing through said valve housing at said second connection board.

43. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 42, further comprising a second retaining means for anchoring said second connection board to said valve housing; and

wherein said attachment means is configured to secure said second connection board to said valve housing, said attachment means being arranged at said distance from said second retaining means.

44. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 42, wherein said first connection board has an elongated configuration defining a front terminal region and a rear terminal region;

said retaining means being provided at said front terminal region; and
said attachment means are provided at said rear terminal region.

45. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 42, wherein the attachment means comprise a screw.

46. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 45, wherein said screw has a driven end associated with said first connection board.

47. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 45, wherein said second connection board is formed with an attachment hole; and

said screw is provided with a self-taping thread configured to cut a corresponding thread in said attachment hole.

48. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 42, further comprising:

a first sealing ring located between said first connection board and said valve housing at said first connection duct; and

a second sealing ring located between said second connection board and said valve housing at said second connection duct.

49. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 48, wherein said first sealing ring is formed from a rubber-elastic material;

said first sealing ring maintaining said first connection board in a slightly oblique position relative to said first interface prior to the installation of said second connection board so that when said attachment means is passed through both said first connection board and said valve housing said attachment means lies skew between said first connection board and said valve housing to hold said first connection board onto said valve housing.

50. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 42, wherein said retaining means comprise:

a retaining well formed in said valve housing; and

at least one retaining projection formed on said first connection board configured to fit into said retaining well.

51. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 50, wherein said retaining means includes two retaining projections spaced apart and arranged in a plane parallel to said first interface.

52. (new) A valve configured to cooperate with a valve drive comprising:

a valve housing having a first interface, a second interface, an attachment flange, and being formed with a plurality of housing ducts, said first interface being on a first side and said second interface being on a second side which is opposite said first side, said attachment flange defining at least one recess between said first interface and said second interface and being configured to be attached to the valve drive;

a first connection board having a first connection duct communicating with one of said plurality of housing ducts, said first connection board being mounted to said first interface;

a second connection board having a second connection duct communicating with one of said plurality of housing ducts, said second connection board being mounted to said second interface;

a retaining means for anchoring said first connection board to said valve housing; and

an attachment means for securing said first connection board to said valve housing, said attachment means being arranged at a distance from said retaining means and passing through said valve housing at said second connection board.

53. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 52, wherein a portion of said retaining means is associated with said valve housing, said portion being at said attachment flange.

54. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 52, further comprising an assembly screw; and wherein said attachment flange is formed with an attachment hole for insertion of said assembly screw to attach said attachment flange to the valve drive.

55. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 42, wherein said first connection board is configured to conceal said retaining means.

56. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 42, wherein said first connection duct is a power duct configured to be connected with a load to be operated.

57. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 42, wherein said second connection board has a third connection duct communicating with one of said plurality of housing ducts;
said second connection duct being a supply duct; and
said third connection duct being a venting duct.

58. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 57, wherein said second connection board has a fourth connection duct communicating with one of said plurality of housing ducts, said fourth connection duct is a power duct configured to be connected with a load to be operated.

59. (new) A valve comprising:
a valve housing having a first interface, a second interface, and being formed with a plurality of housing ducts, said first interface being on a first side and said second interface being on a second side which is opposite said first side;
a dummy plate mounted to said first interface for shutting off at least one of said plurality of housing ducts;
a connection board having a connection duct communicating with one of said plurality of housing ducts, said connection board being mounted to said second interface;
a retaining means for anchoring said dummy plate to said valve housing; and
an attachment means for securing said dummy plate to said valve housing, said attachment means being arranged at a distance from said retaining means and passing through said valve housing at said connection board.

60. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 42, further comprising a connection means for connecting said first connection duct to a fluid line.

61. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 60, further comprising a second connection means for connecting said second connection duct to a second fluid line, said connection means and said second connection means being different.

62. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 42, wherein said first interface has a first flat face arranged in a first plane and said second interface has a second flat face arranged in a second plane which is parallel to said first plane.

63. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 42, wherein said retaining means comprise:
a retaining well formed in said first connection board; and
at least one retaining projection formed on said valve housing configured to fit into said retaining well.

64. (new) The valve as set forth in claim 52, wherein said attachment flange is configured to cooperate with one of an electromagnetic valve drive and a piezoelectric valve drive.